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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN, CANBERRA, OTTAWA, TOKYO FROM GENEVA APRIL 29:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: UNCTAD, ETRD

SUBJ: UNCTAD: QUESTIONNAIRE ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS

REF: STATE 95108

1. BASED ON ORAL REQUEST FROM EB/FTD (ANGEVINE), MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH GENEVA REPS OF COUNTRIES LISTED AS ACTION ADDRESSEES IN REFTEL. NONE WAS PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO IDEA THAT REQUESTED INFORMATION NOT BE SUPPLIED. LINK BETWEEN REQUESTED DATA AND ISSUE OF HARMONIZATION IS RECOGNIZED BUT FEELING IS THAT LITTLE IS LOST ON THE POLICY ISSUE AND MORE TO BE GAINED BY COOPERATING. GENEVA REPS ARE, HOWEVER, ACTING ON THEIR OWN AND INQUIRIES BY ADDRESSEE POSTS TO HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY RESULT IN DIFFERENT VIEW FROM CAPITALS.

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2. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT IF USG DOES NOT COMPLY WITH REQUEST, RESPONSE BE FORMULATED ALONG LINES OF LEGAL OBSTACLES AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. IF OTHER JUTE CONSUMERS DECIDE TO REPLY, DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF REQUEST TO UNCTAD SECRETARIAT THAT QUESTIONNAIRE BE FORWARDED TO ALL MAJOR PRODUCERS OF SYNTHETICS. PURPOSE OF EXERCISE COULD

THEN BE SEEN AS EFFORT TO BUILD DATA BASE RATHER
THAN LINK PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF SYNTHETICS WITH
CONSUMPTION OF JUTE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ONLY. WHILE
THIS WOULD NOT AVOID HARMONIZATION ISSUE PER SE, AND
BEGS THE QUESTION WHY SUCH DATA IS REQUIRED FOR
MEETINGS ON JUTE, IT WOULD AT LEAST CALL ATTENTION TO
THE ISSUE, PARTICULARLY IN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
AND PERHAPS GIVE SECRETARIAT SOME SECOND THOUGHTS.
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